

Translation Frustration

*With so many translations of the Bible,
how do I know which one is best?*

1. Why Is Translation Necessary?

To make God's Word _____

2. Why Do We Need Updated Translations?

To make God's Word understandable _____

3. Why Do We Need So Many Translations?

To make God's Word understandable _____

4. What Are the Marks of a Good Translation?

Life Group Questions

Translation Frustration

With so many translations of the Bible, how do I know which one is best?

Open: Have you ever had to use a translator? When? Why?

1. How many different translations of the Bible can you name?
2. How many Bibles do you own? How many different translations?

Dig

3. Why are there so many translations of the Bible?
Which translation do you tend to use? Why?
How can different translations contribute to your Christian life?
4. How can you check on the faithfulness of a translation?
What should you look for in a good translation of the Bible?
5. What are the differences between a literal translation, a dynamic translation, and a paraphrase?
What are the strengths of a literal translation?
What are the strengths of a dynamic translation?

Read Psalm 119:9, 11, 105; Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:15–17; Hebrews 4:12

6. What does God's Word say about the Word of God?

Reflect

7. A good translation of the Bible is useless unless it actually gets read.
How often do you read God's Word?
What changes (if any) do you need to make to read the Bible more consistently?
Do you have any regular plan for reading/listening to the Bible?
If you do, share your plan with the group.
8. How has God's Word impacted your life?

Challenge

9. Consider undertaking together as a small group reading/listening to the Bible over the next month. Devise a plan and help each other achieve it.

Memory Verse: 2 Peter 1:20–21 (ESV)

... knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (ESV)